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Article not in English

Massone L, Borghi S, Pestarino A, Piccini R, Gambini C. Localisations palmaires purpuriques de la dermatite herpétiforme. *Ann Dermatol Venerol* 1987;114:1545-7.

Conference paper

Harley NH. Comparing radon daughter dosimetric and risk models. In: Gammage RB, Kaye SV, editors. *Indoor air and human health. Proceedings of the Seventh Life Sciences Symposium*; 1984 Oct 29-31; Knoxville (TN). Chelsea (MI):Lewis, 1985:69-78.

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